


**Trial Court Emergency Administrative Order 20-4**  
**Extension of the Duration of Civil Commitment, Treatment and Observation Orders Made**  
**Pursuant to G.L. c. 123 as a Result COVID-19**

Due to the extreme risk of person-to-person transmission caused by the 2019 novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and which has occasioned the declaration of a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Order No. 591: Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19;

It is hereby ORDERED, pursuant to my authority as set forth in G.L. c. 211B, § 9, that, effective March 16, 2020, all civil commitment, treatment and observation orders made pursuant to G.L. c. 123 that would otherwise expire on March 16, 2020 or on March 17, 2020, shall not expire before March 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Dated: March 16, 2020



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Paula M. Carey  
Chief Justice of the Trial Court